

Newbury and District Organists' Association

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Newbury & District Organists' Association, (NDOA), founded in 1980, aims to encourage interest in organ music amongst players and all enthusiasts. A recital is given by visiting organists, from the local area and further afield, at St. Nicolas Church, Newbury, on the second Thursday of each month, except May and in December when it is held at Newbury Methodist Church. Playing visits are made to other organs and enthusiasts are welcome at these events too.

NDOA 2026 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series at St Nicholas Newbury at 1.10pm

MARCH 12th	Chris Totney <i>(St. Benet Fink Church, Tottenham)</i>
APRIL 9th	Christopher Sears <i>(St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)</i>
JUNE 11th	Andy Stancliffe <i>(Thatcham)</i>
JULY 9th	Rosemary Evans <i>(St. Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware)</i>
AUGUST 13th	James Paget <i>St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)</i>
SEPTEMBER 10th	Stephen Holmes <i>(St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn)</i>
OCTOBER 8th	Roy Woodhams <i>(Assistant Archdeacon of Surrey)</i>
NOVEMBER 12th	Nat Keiller <i>Windsor)</i>
DECEMBER 10th at NEWBURY METHODIST CHURCH	Clive Grant <i>(Crewkerne)</i>

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Saturday 28th February, 2.30 to 5.30, NDOA AGM at St. Johns Newbury

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist, High Street, Windsor, SL4 1LD.

Sunday 22 February, 4.00 - 4.45pm, Organ recital by Julian Addison. Admission free.

Sunday 1 March, 4.00 - 4.45pm, Organ recital by Nathaniel Keiller. Admission free.

Sunday 8 March, 4.00 - 4.45pm, Organ recital by Robert Mingay-Smith. Admission free.

Monday 2 March, 1pm Reading Town Hall. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Andrew Prior (London).

Monday 2 March, 8pm, Radley College Chapel, OX14 2HR. Organ Recital by David Briggs. Tickets £10, available from the [Radley College website](http://www.radleycollege.org.uk).

Tuesday 3 March, 8pm, St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Organ recital by Carol Williams (International Concert Organist).

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presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

given by

GILLIAN BLYTHMAN

(Thatcham)

Thursday, 12th February 2026 at 1:10 pm

at St Nicolas Church,
Bartholomew Street,
Newbury, RG14 5HG



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Admission Free ~ Retiring Collection

GILLIAN BLYTHMAN, BA, MRUP, LRAM, ALCM



Gill Blythman was born in Ireland and educated at University College Dublin where she gained a joint honours degree in Geography & Archaeology and a master's degree in Town and Country Planning. Whilst at university, alongside her academic commitments, she studied organ under David Lee at the Royal Irish Academy of Music where she was Organ Scholar. During this time she won the Fitzgerald Trophy in the Senior Organ Competition of the Dublin Feis Ceoil and was accepted as a competitor in the Dublin International Organ Competition.

Following the family's emigration to England in 1986 Gill gained the LRAM performing diploma in organ as an external candidate in 1990 whilst studying under the late Dr Christopher Kent. She was Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Thatcham from 1989-1997 and played an important part in overseeing the restoration of the church's fine 3-manual Gray and Davison organ to its former specification. In May 2025, she returned to the church as Organist.

Gill taught Geography and Music at St Andrew's School, Pangbourne from 1990-2002 where one of her pupils was the Princess of Wales. She was then appointed Director of Music and worked successfully in this role for a number of years.

In 2013, Gill trained and qualified as an ABRSM Examiner and has since pursued a career as a freelance musician. She runs a private teaching practice and is in high demand in her local area as a recitalist and church organist which she combines with examining that takes her to many parts of the British Isles, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, USA and India.

Gill has been married for over forty years and she and her husband have three grown-up children and six grandchildren.

Programme

C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Prelude in F, Op. 101, No. 1.

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Passacaglia and Fugue, BWV 582.

M. Greene (1695-1755)

Voluntary No. 5 in G.

C. Franck (1822-1890)

Pièce Héroïque.

G. B. Pergolesi (1710-1736)

Organ Sonata in F.

M. L. Takle (b 1942)

Rumba Toccata.